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LETTER DATED 15 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text of a letter addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Isidoro Malmierca, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, concerning Security Council resolution 748 (1992).

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Annex

Letter dated 14 May 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to resolution 748 (1992), adopted by the Security Council on 31 March 1992.

Far from contributing to the attainment of a prompt settlement, that resolution - adopted at a time when the Arab League was still working to find a peaceful, negotiated solution to the important issues involved - complicates even further what was already a difficult situation and impedes the search for an agreement that would guarantee international peace and security.

We note with deep concern that in the context of the new world order that some are attempting to impose, the Security Council has again been induced to take positions not in keeping with international law.

This year the Security Council stated its commitment to eliminate international terrorism. This is not the first time, however, that the international community has had to confront situations created by terrorist activities (including actions against civil aviation), activities which we definitely must stop once and for all.

As a founding Member of the United Nations, Cuba, abiding by its obligations and mindful of its responsibilities towards the international community, emphatically condemns all acts of international terrorism; but at the same time, it cannot fail to draw attention to the paradox of urgent Security Council action in some cases, and delaying tactics or the use of the veto by certain permanent members in other cases.

I should like to inform you that the Government of Cuba has taken the necessary steps to implement resolution 748 (1992).

(Signed) Isidoro MALMIERCA
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Cuba